SAINT MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH

(14 to 21 years)

1994

CALVARY RETREAT CENTER

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

from 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 14 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 20

There was a war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. . . . Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:7-9, 12

Sculpture by Sir Jacob Epstein
at Coventry Cathedral, England

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE in his Revelation pictures the conflict between the Archangel Michael and the fallen angel called Satan. This is the continuing conflict between Christians and the very real power of evil. Real Christianity is symbolized by Michael. It is not a soft religion. It is quite the opposite — dangerous, challenging, exciting, and joyful.

St. Michael's Conference, founded in 1960, is a group of young people and leaders who come together to form a community. Through worship, study, discussion, recreation, and relaxation, the community seeks both a clearer vision of God in Christ, and strength and power to fight evil and serve God. For most, it is such a joyful experience that they want it to continue, and many do continue by returning year after year. Michael is a good patron Saint. He symbolizes a strong religion, the kind of religion where true joy is to be found.

STAFF

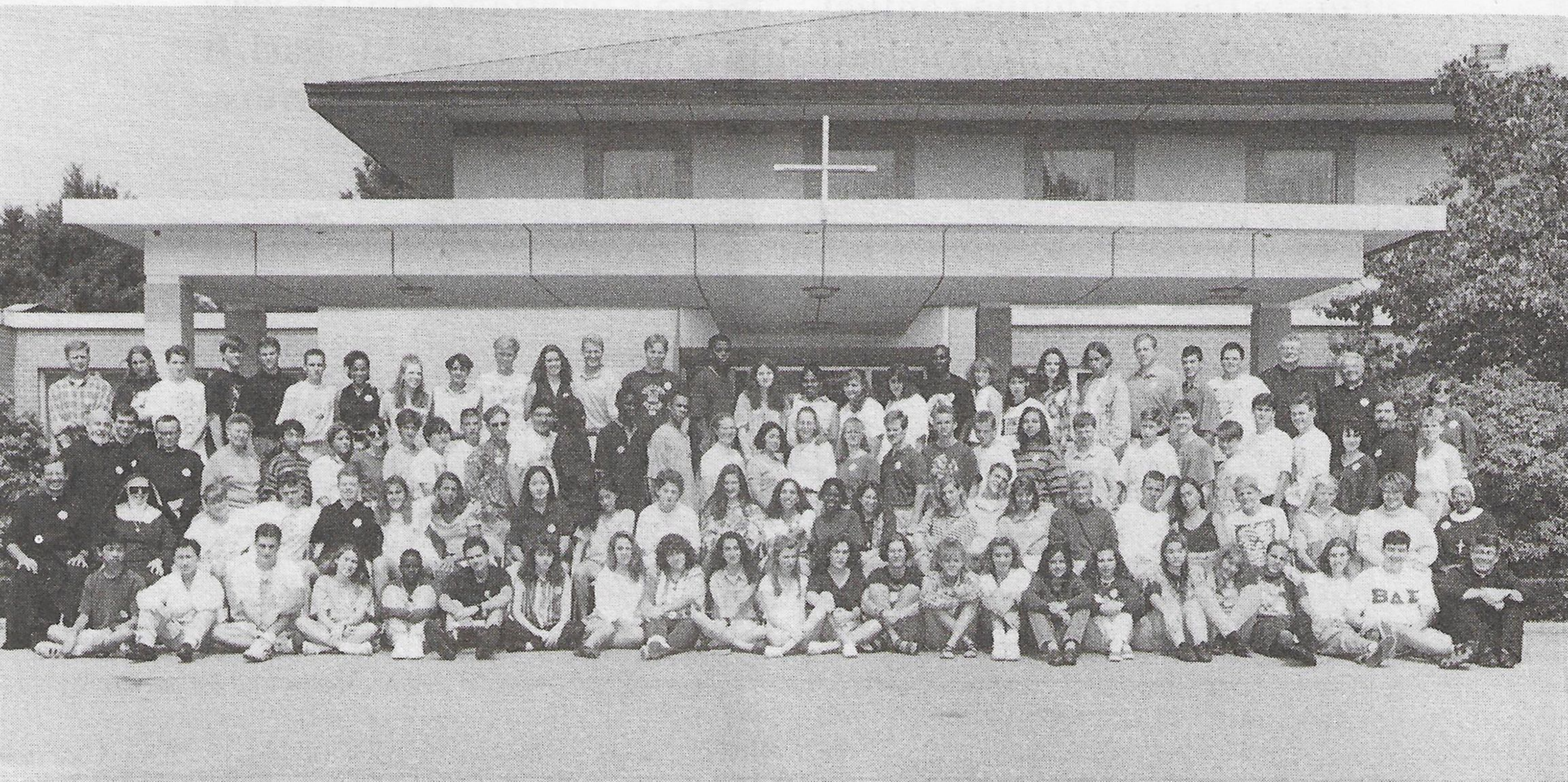
The Reverend Thomas R. Schulze, *Director*
The Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Assistant Director*
The Reverend Jack D. Bowling, *Dean*
The Reverend A. Milton Cheney, III, *Registrar*
Mr. Mark F. Dwyer, *Choirmaster and Organist*

The Reverend Michael R. Cheney
The Reverend Peter A. Jacobsen
The Reverend Jay C. James
The Reverend Andrew C. Mead
The Reverend David L. Moyer
The Reverend David L. Stokes, Jr.
Sister Mary Charles, of All Saints'
Sister Kathleen Marie, S.H.N.
Mrs. Louise F. Bowling
Mrs. Nicki McCleary
Mr. Karl LaPan
Mr. David Perry
Miss Kathryn Bowling
Miss Elizabeth Harrison
Mr. Robert Braman
Mr. Steven Swihart
Mr. Michael Zadig
Miss Stacie Beals
Miss Rebecca Gibson
Miss Emma Mead
Miss Megan Williams

ELIGIBILITY: The Conference is for unmarried young people who are at least 14 years of age and who were born after September 1, 1972. (Exception — a person 13 years of age who has completed the eighth grade in school prior to the opening of the Conference is also eligible.) Completion of at least the eighth grade is required of all applicants, regardless of age.

REGISTRATION: The Conference is limited to one hundred students whose applications will be accepted in the order received by the Registrar. No application will be accepted after August 7th, and cancellation must be made to the Registrar before August 1st, if the registration fee is to be returned.

THE CALVARY RETREAT CENTER is reached from the Massachusetts Turnpike, Exit 10. Take Interstate 290 East through Worcester to the exit for Main Street, Shrewsbury. Follow Main Street through Shrewsbury. Turn right at traffic light onto South Street. The Center is about ¼ mile on the left. Please do not arrive before 3:00 p.m., nor after 5:00 p.m. on the opening day.



THE TOTAL COST including registration is $185.00. A registration fee of $85.00 must accompany each registration, with the balance of $100.00 to be paid on arrival. A $5.00 rebate is given to those who register before June 15th.

LIMITED FINANCIAL AID is available for those who cannot pay the entire cost. Contact the Registrar.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE should be addressed to the Registrar, St. Michael's Conference, St. Mary's Church, 358 Warwick Neck Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02889.

ADDRESS DURING THE CONFERENCE is St. Michael's Conference, Calvary Retreat Center, 59 South Street, P.O. Box 218, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545.

TELEPHONES: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (508) 842-8821
7:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m. (508) 842-9565

VISITORS (relatives, friends, alumni) cannot be accommodated for overnight nor for meals at any time. Persons transporting Conference members to and from the Conference are requested to depart on Sunday before supper and to arrive on Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WHAT TO BRING: Bible, notebook, pen and pencil, toilet articles, towels, sport clothes, raincoat, and personal items. Dress clothing (dresses, sport coat, and tie, etc.) for dress up evening. Money for incidentals such as soft drinks, conference pictures, church offerings, etc. BLANKETS AND BED LINENS PROVIDED.

STUDENTS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE RETREAT GROUNDS AT ANY TIME. POSSESSION OF DRUGS OR LIQUOR, including marijuana and beer, is not permitted. Violation of either of these regulations will result in immediate dismissal from the Conference community.

ALL STUDENTS attend three classes each morning.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS who are attending the Conference for the first time take the course entitled FORUM during the first period. High school students attending for the second year take the course entitled DECISIONS. All other high school students take the course entitled THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION during this period. All high school students take Junior Elective courses during the second and third periods.

ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL take one of the elective courses during each of the three class periods.

SELECTION OF ELECTIVES must be made on the registration blank. Students who have not graduated from high school may take only Junior elective courses and students who have graduated from high school may take only Senior elective courses. Persons not registering according to instructions will be assigned courses by the Dean.

Tear off here and mail this Registration and Medical Report

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REGISTRATION
Complete
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The Registrar, St. Michael's Conference
St. Mary's Church
358 Warwick Neck Avenue
Warwick, Rhode Island 02889

Enclosed is $85.00 for registration; the balance of $100.00 to be paid upon arrival. (Checks to "St. Michael's Conference.")

Name ..... Sex .....

Street Address .....

City and State ..... Zip .....

Telephone (Area code & number) .....

Date of Birth ..... School grade (September 1994) .....

This is my 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th ..... year at St. Michael's.

Parish (Name & City) .....

Priest's Signature of approval .....

NOTE: The Registration MUST be signed by the applicant's Parish Priest. The attached Medical Report MUST be completed and returned with the Registration.

REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR COURSES

All students who have graduated from high school register below. Mark your first choice each period with the number "1".

FIRST PERIOD

☐ MAN THE BATTLE STATIONS:
Mark Dwyer, Sister Mary Charles and David Perry

Today we are engaged in a war of religion, a life and death struggle between Christian and pagan, and some of the pagans are Bishops and theologians of the Church. Christianity is not a sentimental feeling. It is the Faith once delivered to the saints, proclaimed in the Creeds and taught in Holy Scripture. The modern pagans have abandoned this faith and in its place have substituted a new religion of their own invention.

☐ ADULT CHRISTIANITY: Father Moyer, Kathryn Bowling and Karl LaPan

A large number of people are brought up in Christian homes in which the truth of Christ and of Christianity is assumed. But when their critical faculties develop, they find it easier to discard the religion of their childhood than make the effort to investigate its credentials. An examination of the Christian Religion for young adults through a study of *BASIC CHRISTIANITY* by The Rev. John R.W. Stott.

SECOND PERIOD

☐ CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE: Father Mead, Mrs. McCleary

Living together, being married, and Holy Matrimony — what are the differences?

☐ WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE:
Father Jacobsen, Father Michael Cheney and Karl LaPan

In the introduction of the best seller by this title, the author, Rabbi Harold S. Kushner writes, "This is written by someone who believes in God and in the goodness of the world, someone who has spent most of his life trying to help other people believe, and was compelled by a personal tragedy to rethink everything he had been taught about God and God's ways."

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APPLICANT'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL REPORT

This report MUST be completed, signed, and returned with the applicant's registration or the registration will be denied and returned.

Name .....

Street Address .....

City and State ..... Zip .....

Telephone (Area Code and number) .....

Applicant's Date of Birth .....

Name of Family Doctor .....

Doctor's Telephone (Area Code and number) .....

Name of Medical Insurance Company .....

Medical Insurance Policy Number .....

List here any medical problems and any medication which the applicant is taking for them. (All medicines must be turned in to the Conference nurse on arrival.)

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List any allergic reactions to medication, food, etc.

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In case of emergency during the conference week, notify:

Name .....

Telephone (Area Code and number) .....

I give my consent for the applicant whose name appears above to participate in the activities of St. Michael's Conference. I also agree that the Conference Personnel will not be liable to him (her) or to me for any injury or other bodily harm which may be suffered unless due to negligence on the part of said personnel. I further give my consent to the Conference Personnel to render and perform such first aid as may be deemed necessary and to transport her (him) to a hospital for further treatment if that should be advisable.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature .....

This medical form MUST be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.

Tear off here and mail this Registration and Medical Report

THIRD PERIOD

☐ CHOIR: Mark Dwyer, Megan Williams and Michael Zadig
A choir rehearsal in which anthems will be learned for the Mass and Evensong.

☐ THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS:
Father Stokes and Sister Kathleen Marie
Problems in the church. Paul had them too and met them with a depth of Christian wisdom which is still applicable today.

☐ THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS: Father Vang and Father James
The central theme of this Epistle is the movement of all things created toward an ultimate unity in Christ, and the place of the church in the attainment of that consummation.

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR COURSES

All high school students register below. Register for electives in the second and third periods by marking your first, second, and third choices in each period with the numbers 1, 2, and 3. **Do NOT use "X's."**

FIRST PERIOD

☐ FORUM: Father Schulze, Father Vang and Father Bowling
(Required course for all high school students attending for the first time.)
A study of basic aspects of the Christian life including the Bible, the Eucharist, Penance, and Prayer.

☐ DECISIONS: Father James, Beth Harrison and Steve Swihart
(Required course for all second year high school students.)
How we make decisions about God, vocation, and values that determine the person we are and the person we are becoming.

☐ THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Father Mead and Father Jacobsen
(Required course for all third and fourth year high school students.)
Is there anything wrong between us and God? The answer is "yes," if we are honest about it. This course is about getting right with God through self-examination, confession and forgiveness — then trying to do better.

SECOND PERIOD

☐ SEVEN DEADLY SINS: Father Moyer and Mrs. Bowling
You must be kidding. Sin isn't deadly, it's fun. Only puritans get uptight about sin. "Eat, drink and be merry." That's the only way to live. Right?

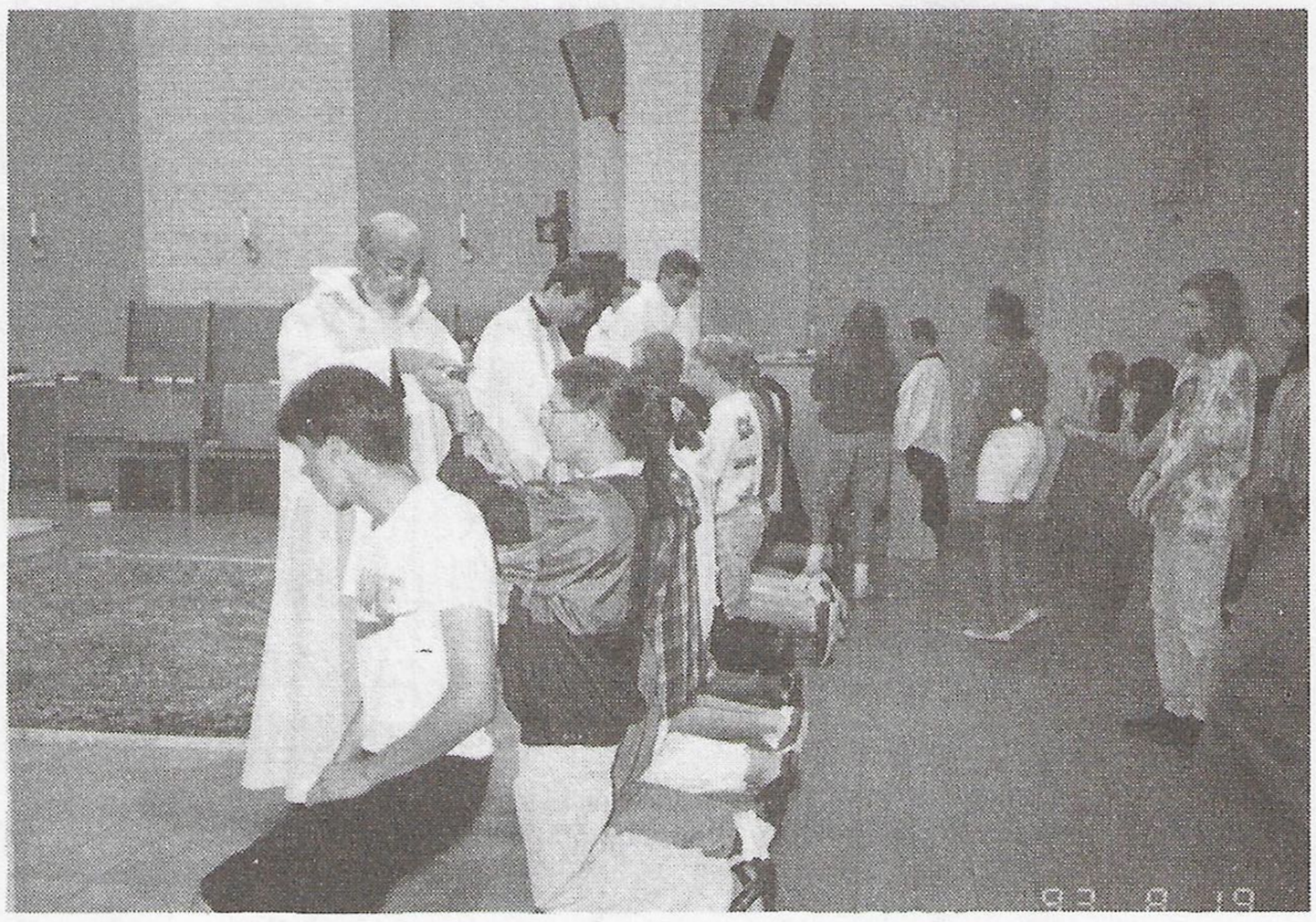
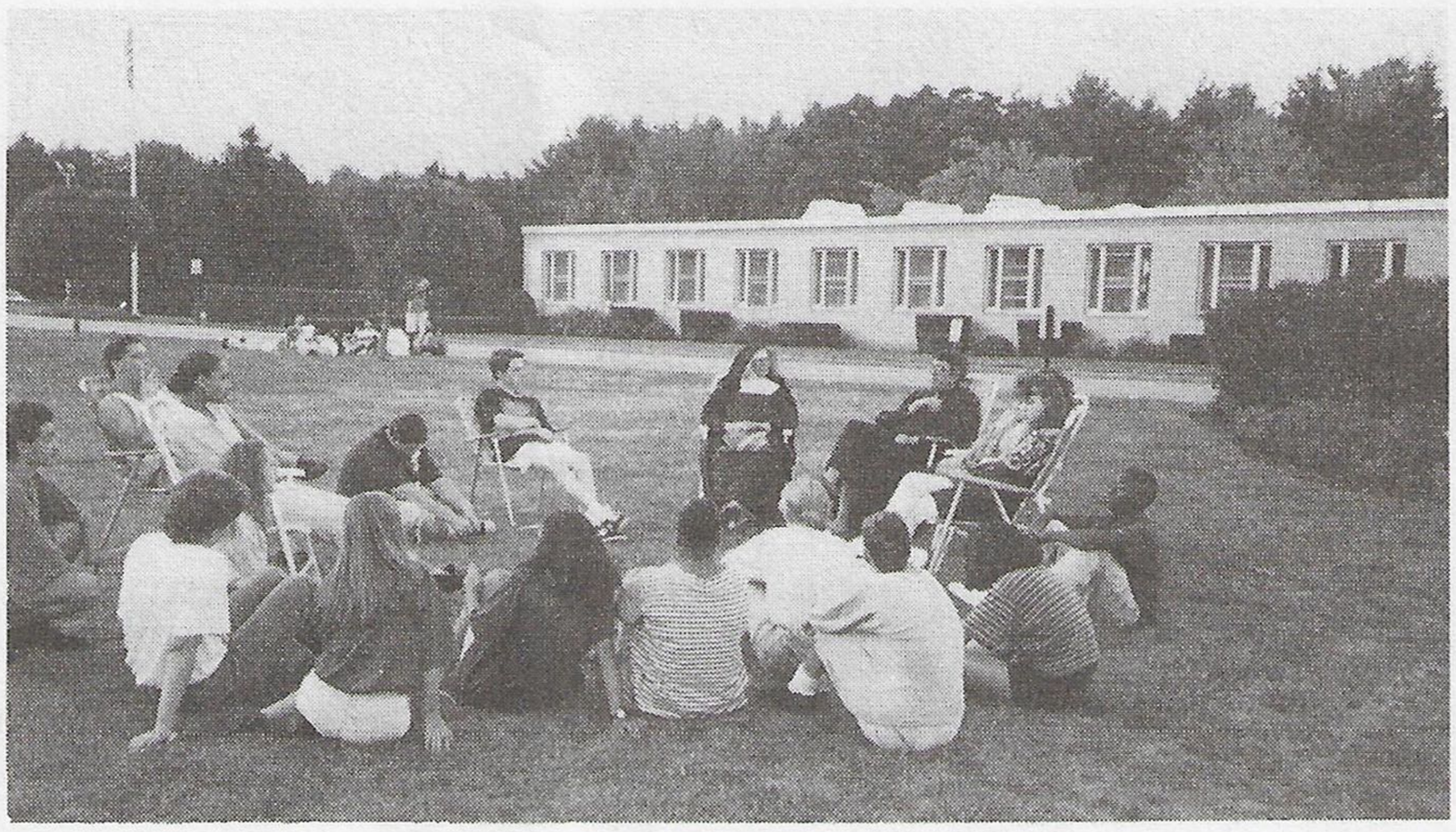
☐ RIGHT OR WRONG?: Father Stokes and Emma Mead
Can something be legal and still be wrong, or illegal and still be right for a Christian? A discussion of issues such as abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, supporting/opposing government policies, war, and sexual ethics in the light of the Christian faith.

☐ THE HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN: A SURVIVAL COURSE:
Kathryn Bowling, Stacie Beals and David Perry
A practical course in dealing with pressures from teachers, coaches, family, friends and others who push you to lead a life other than the new life in Christ.

THIRD PERIOD

☐ CHOIR: Mark Dwyer, Megan Williams and Michael Zadig
A Choir rehearsal in which anthems will be learned for the Mass and Evensong.

☐ FOLLOWING JESUS, A GUIDE TO THE GOSPELS:
Sister Mary Charles and Rob Braman
"These things were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have a life in his name."

☐ STUDYING HOLY SCRIPTURE: Father Milton Cheney and Beth Harrison
Christians know the Bible is important, yet few know how to read and study it. This course is a practical guide for understanding God's written Word.

☐ THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE:
Father Michael Cheney and Rebecca Gibson
The most humanly sensitive of the four Gospels, wherein Jesus is revealed from His birth to His Resurrection. Luke, the physician, portrays Jesus as the Divine Healer, who frees us from the grip of sin and death.